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ANOTHER BRIDGE COMPOSITION BY PROF. WERTENBAKER.

Solvers Caught by a Jack of Clubs-A Problem for the Bookkeepers-A Chess Ending-Percentages in Circus Lemonade and the Tea Seller's Sign.

Bridge problem No. 113, another of Prof. Wertenbaker's, would have made greater havoc than it did with the next onor list but for the fact that a number of solvers saw the error of their ways in time and sent in corrected solutions.

The joker in No. 113 was the jack of clubs, because instead of the solution being difficult for Y and Z to find with that opening, it is A and B that have the time of their lives trying to outwit each other on the discards. But they can win out and prove that the club lead is un-

As 80 per cent. of the solutions received started with the club jack, it may be as as well to dispose of that opening first by saying that A always discards eight of diamonds. If Y discards the diamond B lets go a spade.

If Z now leads the heart five, A plays ow and Y's jack forces B's ace. B leads the diamond and A discards a spade. If Y discards a spade B leads a spade and A-B get two tricks in hearts. If Y discards a heart B leads the heart ten and again A-B make two heart tricks, so that Y and Z do not get the required four

discards a heart, Y lets go a spade and B wins and leads a space so that A eventually makes a spade trick or A-B make

Should Y discard the three of hearts on the first trick B lets go a spade. If Z now leads the diamond A lets go a heart and B returns the spade, giving A spade trick later, so that Y and Z fail to set four tricks in that variation.

The only sound opening for Z is the five of hearts. If A passes Y plays the jack and B wins with the ace. B can lead either diamonds or spades, but the heart lead is immediately and obviously fatal. with the spade, Z plays the spade king and leads the jack of clubs.

If A discards a small heart Y lets go a spade. Z follows with the seven of hearts, forcing A's king, and the heart queen is good for a trick as well as the spade ace. If A discards a spade Y lets go the heart and B must also discard hearts in order to protect his spades. Z leads to his partner's spade ace and Y returns the heart, Z playing the queen. If A covers the queen the seven of hearts makes.

For the second trick B may lead a small spade. If he does Z plays the king second hand and leads the club. If A discards a heart Z leads the heart seven and the queen is good for a trick, together with the spade ace.

If A lets go a diamond instead of a heart on the club lead Y discards a diamond and B can discard either heart or spade. If a heart Z leads the heart queen and Y-Z get a heart trick eventually. If B lets go the spade Z leads to his partner's ace of spades and Y returns the suit. putting A in and the heart queen makes.

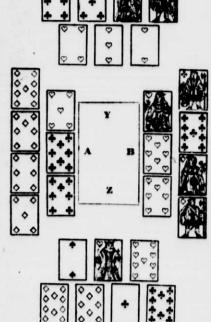
Should A discard a spade on the club lead Y will let go a spade and B is forced to the same discard. Z then leads to his partner's ace of spades and Y returns the

the third heart trick themselves.

The only correct solutions covering the important variations were from the fol-

W. A. Bulkley, Walker McMartin, Lieut, Com. R. W. Henderson, J. Warren Martin, Lieut, Com. R. W. Root, W. B. J. Warren Martin, Lieut, W. A. Bulkley, Walker McMartin, Lieut.Com. R. W. Henderson, J. Warren Merrili,
Charles M. Root, W. R. McCay, E. Rutter,
G. B. Hotchkiss, R. C. S., J. G. Walsh,
Algernon Bray, W. P. W. Little John,
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Manheim, S. K., J. W. Cromwell, Jr.,
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Strasburger, E. Beebe, John W. Low,
Florence Rosebud Sylvester, Henry Andresen, C. F. Johnson, Frederic Tyson, Ida
E. Cotton, W. H. Talcott and D. C. Shanks.
Those who solved this problem, and
many of those who did not shower the
composer with compliments. One ventures to suggest that he is just as good as
the one that got up No. 106, which is quite
true.

Here is a rather curious position that came up in an end game recently:



It is A's lead and he sees that he must lose every trick, no matter what he plays. B says be thinks he could have won a trick if it were his lead instead of A's, whereupon Z offers to bet that B is mistaken and that A-B will not win a trick no matter which of them has the lead or what suit they play.

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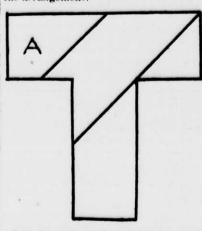
"The only way we can get a trick, then,"
says B, "is for you to have the lead."

"If I lead I will bet on it."

silon of sweetening but that the rea banks.

sulting mixture which measured ten gallons was a 10 per cent. solution, in-stead of a 5 per cent., and that the correct way to reduce it to 5 per cent. was to add ten gallons to the original ten gallons.

The catch in this little puzzle lay in the fact that both sides of each piece were alike, being covered with electric bulbs in the same way, so that they might be put together either side up. This is the arrangement:



It is the piece marked A that has been turned upside down, so as to fit into its

Correct solutions from:

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Miss Elinor Swassy, Mary Dorothy
Byrne, E. Beebe, Anna C. Levitt, Algernon
Bray, Fred. W. Hall, Frank Lynn, George
Gansgruben, A. H. Shaw, Elmer Potter,
P. F. Stockton, F. L. Bates, Miss M. Cook,
Hattie McDonald, Mrs. L. Day, G. M.
Stacey and Ellen Jennings.

The solution of chess problem No. 113, printed two weeks ago, is for white to force the black king into a mating position by the following series of moves:

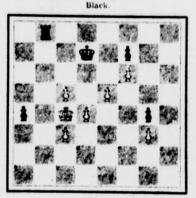
White. P-R6 P-Kt4ch P-R4 P-Kt5 P-R5 K-B4 P-R6 K-R5 P-R4 PxP P-K15 P-K16 PxP mate.

Correct solutions from:
Wm. H. Holmes, Mate Ho! G. T. Cunningham, M. T. J., C. H. O'Connor, Wm. C. Van Antwerp, Dr. A. H. Baldwin, B. F. Willcox and H. T. Wilson. S. F. Willcox and H. T. Wilson.

Several remark on the beauty of this bosition, which illustrates how well a master hand can make his adversary alk the straight and narrow path to least the contraction.

Here is a position which was sub-mitted to some experts for decision as an adjourned game, it being insisted that white's superiority in pawns must

CHESS PROBLEM NO. 115.



White It is white's move. Is this a won game for white or drawn?

partner's ace of spades and Y returns the diamond, putting B in. If B leads the ten of hearts Z covers and the nine makes. If B leads the heart eight Z passes and if A goes up with the king the queen makes. The only other variation that requires consideration is when A goes up with the king of hearts on the first trick. As soon as Y and Z get in on the spade suit they lead hearts, forcing the ace and making the third heart trick themselves.

The only correct solutions covering the Theony correct solutions covering the some of the insurance adjusters busy for several hours before their experts could agree upon the answer, simple as the question appears.

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John and James Burnupski jointly owned a piece of property which they insured for \$7,000. One company, the Lincoln, took \$5,000 and another company, the Jackson, took \$2,000 of the risk. John did not think his half interest in John did not think his half interest in this would be sufficient in case of fire, as the property was worth \$10,000, so he secured an additional \$3,000 in his own name to protect his half interest, which was placed in a third company, the Mon-roe.

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It should be explained that in all fire
insurance policies there is a provision
that the company is liable only for such
proportion of the loss as the amount
of insurance bears to the value of the
property insured. If you have \$4,000
worth of furniture in your house and
insure it for \$2,000 you will get only \$500
if you have a \$1,000 fire because you are
insured for only 50 per cent. of the appraised value.

After the fire which John had foreseen
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After the fire which John had foreseen would surely happen when business got bad the appraisers for the three companies interested agreed that the value of the property was \$10,000, covered by three policies; the Lincoln for \$5,000, the Jackson for \$2,000 and the Monroe for \$3,000, but the damage done by the fire was only \$2,200.

How much must each of the three companies pay and how much did John and James each individually get out of them?

GERMAN SAVINGS.

People of the Fatherland Put By One Billion Dollars a Year.

When the German Reichstag a few American securities in that country there was general surprise at the amount of German capital which was shown to be nvested in foreign paper.

But the Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Delbrueck, stated that the people of Germany are saving every year about \$1,000,of this amount must go abroad to find profitable investment. These savings go into other avenues besides the mere purhase of securities

In 1905, according to a writer in Moody's Magazine, German investments in foreign countries, outside of holdings of securities; amounted to about 9,225 millions of says. 'He ain't never been caught, an' marks (2,201.6 millions of dollars), in that is the main p'int into the moral law. which the United States and Canada were Mo' 'n that,' I says, 'Pete Grosjean is a represented by at least 2.750 millions of heap better poker player 'n the av'rage. marks (\$656,300,000).

The holdings of foreign securities were estimated at more than sixteen billions of comin's. marks or some millions less than four billions of dollars. The real aggregate of all investments, however, is higher still than these figures express, as not all Ger- pable players what 'd stand together, so I

what suit they play.

"The lead I win all seven just the same says B, "is for you to have the lead"

"If I lead I win all seven just the same says Z, "and I will bet on it."

A at once took the bet and it is for readers of The Sux to decide it for imm. How do Y and Z win all the tricks, no matter what suit is led by either A or B and how does Z win all the tricks if he is allowed to select his own lead?

"THAT CIRCUS LEMONADE.

A firm of druggists in this city writes that all solutions are reckoned by persentages in the drug trade and that as the original solution of ame gallons of a per cent, solution it will be necessary to have twenty gallous in the regions was to be expected.

The per cent, solution it will be necessary to have eventy gallous in all, so the length of the drug trade, it appears, it would not be held the nine gallons was uncertainty of sweetening but that the region and regions and regi

LIVE ACES AND TWO GUNS WON

Then the Sage of Arkansas City Withdrew His Objections to a Lynching.

"There's some goes through life mighty monitoneous-like," observed old man Greenlaw as he bit a cigar in two, "not havin' nothin' p'tic'lar happen to 'em f'm morn till night, f'm youth till gory age, as the Good Book says.

lot o' diff'rence to a man by an' large which kind he is," continued the sage of Arkansas City as he lighted one half of the cigar while he was eating the other. Sometimes I reckon them is the happiest what goes through life 'onswept, onhonored an' onhung,' as the Good Book says in a'other place. Most gen'ly they gets what rum an' tobaccer is comin' to 'thouten any p'tic'lar trouble, an' they gets buried when they're through, like

gets buried when they're through, like everybody else.

"But th' ain't no question but what them 't's predestinated fo 'to have a reel genuine c'reer gets mo' 'xcitement outen it nor the plain onery citizen does. That ain't al'ays to say what he's any better off, but he has consid'able mo' to think about.

"Now there was Pete Grosjean. There wouldn't nobody, to look at him, pick him out fo' a man what was bo'n to be diff'rent f'm nobody else. Just a everyday sort o' man, he was, good lookin' enough not to be noticed an' not no house rule ag'in the wisdom of it, an' a man hadn't no guarantee ag'in havin' his head blowed off if he was caught playin' crooked, so wa'n't lookin' fo' nobody to be catched. an' there wa'n't nobody fo' some time. When it did happen there was consid'able of a s'prise.

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in life, not till yo' come to see what he had a hellova lot o' moral principle. Th' ain't nothin' 'll carry a man through difficulties like moral principle will if he lives

then there wa'n't nothin' knowed till the next boat come down. Owen Pepper come on that, an' when he seen Pete he said he didn't know but what he was the man what was shot at the night the Memphis Bank was robbed.

"Pears Grosjean had the misfortune to be standin' by the front do' of the bank when the p'lice come up an' he got consid'able shot at afo' he got away. Bein' 's he wa'n't hit an' done got away afo' they laid holt of him, there wa'n't no way o' provin' what he was one o' them 't had been inside an' swiped nigh about all the money there was into the bank.

"Then there was some mystery 'bout a feller that come f'om Memphis same time 't Pete came. 'Pears they was consid'able thick together on the boat and had some words over a freezeout they done played. "There wa'n't no fight 's fur 's anybody

had a wad afo' he set into the freeze-

"Just nachully there was some scandal 'long o' them two things bein' talked of consid'able simultuous with Pete 'landin' in Arkansas City, but it kind o' died out

in Arkansas City, but it kind o' died out a'ter Pete stuck a knife into some galoot 't was talkin' imprudent where Pete c'd hear him. Bein' 's there wa'n't no proof o' nothin' nobody 'peared to be interested enough fo' to keep up the discussion.

"A'ter that Pete Grosjean stayed round in Arkansas City till it come to look like he mought be a permanent citizen. I reckon mebbe it 'd 'a' turned out thataway on'y fo' some o' the old residenters gettin' a prejudice agin him.

"Peared like he was too hellroarin' close by when anythin' happened. Joe Bassett is likely the most reliable man we uns ever had fo' Sheriff, bein' 's he'shal'ays on hand case of any disturbance, but there was some said what Pete Grosjean was mo' reg'lar 'n Joe, seein' there wa'n't nothin' in the way o' detraction o' the law ever happened 'thouten Pete was law ever happened 'thouten Pete was right there just afo' it happened or else he was seen comin' away just a'terwards.
"Somebody went through Bull Haskins's

eans an' lifted \$8 in cold cash offen him while he was takin' a nap on the levee on his way home f'm the tavern, an' Pete left the tavern with him. Old marm Hostetter done lose about forty chickens inside o' two months, an' Pete's shack was on'y fo' reeks ago discussed the introduction of rods f'm hern, an' he didn't buy no fresh meat them two months. Bill Snedecor missed a couple o' hams outen his smokehouse, an' Pete was knowed to 've passed his place late the night afo'.

"Then Dave Whipple's shanty was burned an' Pete give the alarm an' helped tote the furniture out, but Dave's watch 000,000, and that recessarily a large part an' \$14, what was under his piller, wa'n't never found. An' so it went. Pete was al'ays nigh hand when anythin' was missin', but there wa'n't never no proof o'him bein' intimated in the stealin

"It made some prejudice, but when some o' the citizens ast me 'bout it, I says 'It shows some moral principle, anyways.' I an' they is some prospect o' him bein' a valuable citizen, even if he has short-

"Them days we didn't had no such aggravation o' talent into the poker game as th' is now, an' I reelized the need fo' ca-

set the citizens a-talkin' o' lynchin' Pete

Grosjean long o' nobody else bein' 'epi- UNDERTAKER'S HUNCH

"But I said, 'Th' ain't no use bein There's two crossroads gamblers n town,' I said, 'what's makin' out they c'n do up anybody in Arkansas City at poker, an' if Pete Grosjean ain't in the game there's some reason to think mebbe

they c'n do it.
"The best way,' I says, 'is to put off this here lynchin' frolic till to-morrer anyway an' see what'll be did. If Pete capital into the c'munity an' some on us 'll get holt of it. If he gets beat out we 'n lynch him a'terward.'

"Shows what a narrer margin th' is "Then there's others what has a considible viriety o' 'xper'ences one time seen I was right an' the lynchin' was seen in a considible viriety o' 'xper'ences one time seen I was right an' the lynchin' was seen I was right an' the lynchin' was seen I was right an' the lynchin' was

an' a'other. An' oncet in a while yo' see a man what 'pears to been cut out fo' somepin' special by a wise an' overbearin' Providence, an' mo' 'n likely that there man 'll have what yo' mought rightly call a c'reer afo' he cashes in.'

"I dunno as it makes such a hellova lot o' diff'rence to a man by an' large put off.

"That night them two pikers come into my place lookin' fo' poker an' Pete said he dight't mind playin' if there was a game made up. Winterbottom hadn't been here long at that time, but he said he'd take a hand, an' Pete Kenney was one 't couldn't be drove out with guns if there was any poker 'round, so they played five handed.

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"Well, it sho' was a game. There wa'n't no talk of a limit them days an' there wa'n't nobody at the table had any idee o' how much anybody else had. So they played some cautious at the start, but 'twa'n't long afo' Carter an' Baldwin, them was the two tiphorus begin to rush them was the two tinhorns, begin to rush

was playin' together an' I was kind o' comprehensive what they'd force the game so's to drive out the local talent, but I seen a'ter a little what Grosjean and

of a s'prise.
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"There hadn't nobody s'picioned Pete not to be noticed, an' not noways to be reco'nized as bein' the chosen instrument o' Providence fo' to bring about strange happ'nin's, but 'peared like 'twa'n't needful fo' Pete Grosjean to do nothin' mo' in to be present anywheres fo' the most remarkable occurrences to occur.

"An' Pete was al'ays into 'em. There wa'n't no way o' tellin' how 'twas 't he come to go through all 'the done 'thouten bein' deader 'n a man wants to be early in life, not till yo' come to see what he in life, not till yo' come to see what he are reconsidered.

"There hadn't nobody s'picioned Pete Grosjean afo' that o' bein' extry talented as a dealer. We knowed he were a onusual good player, but 'peared like his strong holt was holdin' out. Anyways it looked like that, on'y nobody knowed fo' sho'. This time he 'peared to be gifted two ways.

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pattern, an' that 'peared to be some help to Grosjean, the way it turned out. "It come his deal a'ter Carter an' Bald-win had give the home talent two or three heavy swats, an' I seen he was sort o' settin' his jaw, like he done made up his "First anybody knowed o' Pete 'round these parts was when he come here f'm Memphis on one of the river boats, an' an' I recken there didn't nobody."

"But when they all picked up their cyards I seen 'em all stiffen up, an' Bald-win an' Carter done looked at each other like they done found somepin'. F'm what I heerd later Grosjean must 'a' give

onderstood.

'Anyways he come in on Baldwin's ante, an' Carter trailed. Then Kenney folded an' Grosjean trailed. It was good play too, him knowin' Baldwin 'd boost it, like he done. Then Winterbottom trailed ag'in, knowin' Grosjean 'd have his chancet all right, an' Carter give it another h'ist. another h'ist.
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"Grosiean didn't say nothin', but he looked kind o' ser'ous, an' trailed ag'in, so Baldwin reckoned he had the hull bunch hooked, an' he put up a wad. I disremember just what 'twas, but it was fo' or five hundred anyway, an' Winterbottom seen there wa'n't no need o' him goin' no further, an' he throwed down.

"Then Carter, thinkin' he'd keep up the double cross, laid his hull wad in the potty was somephin mo'." \$1000. an' Pete.

"There wa'n't no fight 's fur 's anybody throwed, but there wa'n't nothin' never seen o' t'other feller a'ter he done started fo' his stateroom. And they said he done thad a wad afo' he set into the formula out his \$1,000 first. Then he counted the rest o' it an' find about \$1,500

I raise, 'an' Baldwin done some studyin' his ownself. He looked at his hand again, though, an' seein' what 'twas, he dug fo' his pile.

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"Every man who plays the ponies is superstitious," said Col. Tom Cody as he ordered a round of drinks, "and I might add that nobody knows this fact better than I do. "The hunch has won and lost as much

money as the dope. I have seen old timers pass up their better judgment in favor of a mere coincidence and chance their money on a rank outsider when form and information made the winner stand out like a sore thumb. There were four old time horsemen

in the party and all nodded their accord. The Colonel stirred his old fashioned cock-tail and saw that the party expected him "As I have said, the hunch is not peculiar to the novice at the racing game.

said the Colonel. "Owners, trainers, jockeys and bookmakers have been stung by the seductive bug and have made bets that they were later ashamed to admit. In many years experience around tracks and poolrooms I never knew a man who did not fall for a strong hunch at regular intervals. And I may admit right here that the hunch is a losing proposition seven times out of ten.

"I had to confess that I could not see any hunch in the circumstances related. Then the doctor pulls out a slip of news-paper with the entries for the day on it. In the column containing the entries for the Fair Ground track at St. Louis he had three horses ringed with a deep black border. The first horse was Pathos, the next was Immortelle and the third was Death. "As hard headed and practical a book maker and owner as Fred Cook fell for a hunch one afternoon some years ago. On the trip to Churchill Downs from Louisville Cook picked up a long black silk veil. He laid it on the seat beside him and while studying the entries noticed Nolan, a Cincinnati man.

"I cheered up the doctor by telling him that he certainly had a sure hunch and that I would play it myself. The doctor left me for his favorite seat opposite that Nun's Veiling was a starter in the second race. Cook bit on the hunch and cost him several hundred dollars. Black Mantilla won the race.

But I wanted to tell you about the nueerest hunch that ever went through. It was known as the Undertaker's Hunch and the only cheerful thing about it was that it turned out a winner

"Some years ago when the poolrooms flourished in Covington, across the river from Cincinnati, I spent a good deal of my time in Sharp's big room. Sharp had a great play and his place looked like the betting ring at a track every afternoon. "Every regular around the room knew

Dr. Splash. The doctor was a tall, quiet individual who always looked as though individual who always looked as though he were a professional mourner. He wore black even to his shirt, which was of black satin. He had a cadaverous look and was not the most cheerful fellow in the world.

"But Dr. Splash knew the ponies.

"But Dr. Splash knew the ponies. He could tell you offhand the breeding and record of every horse foaled since 1880. He was a living racing encyclopedia. No one knew his real name or his occupation. Some one dubbed him Dr. Splash and the title stuck "If an argument came up in which a three-with the surphyself and seized his ticket."

Buried in his hands when Charles Evergreen Berry sang out: They're off at St. Louis. Pathos in the lead. "Pathos won easily and the doctor got his \$30 and went back to his seat. The house betting in the third race had immortelle at 3 to 1. This seemed to look good to the doctor, as he climbed out of his chair and shoved his \$30 through

thoroughbred was concerned both parties left it to Dr. Splash. If a man had lost his dope sheet and wanted to know what any horse had done in his last six times out he went to the doctor and the information oozed out of him freely and withmation oozed out of him freely and without price.

"The doctor was a mild bettor. Two dollars was his limit and he usually played the favorite and got enough for pocket money. He was a chicken feed gambler.

"The doctor was counting over his \$120 when the house betting was put up. Death was the despised outsider at 20 to 1. The doctor did not wait to finish the count. He crept across the room and shoved the bundle of bills at the money. He was a chicken feed gambler, and that is why he lasted while others passed by the board. I never heard him touting any one and never knew him to borrow from any of the regulars.

borrow from any of the regulars.
"One afternoon as I was studying out a winner in the second at Sheepshead a ghostly finger tip tapped me on the shoulder. I turned and saw Dr. Splash."

shoved into his hand. The ticket called for \$2,400 to \$120.

"The opening track betting had Death at 30 to 1, and the hag closed at 40 to 1, but the doctor gave no sign that he was shoulder. He was as pale as frost and

His eyes were sparkling and he was greatly excited.

room. The doctor grasped my arm and

that I will be dead inside of fifty days

I'm a dead one, see? I study how I will

land me a nice warm bed in a nice re-

spectable graveyard, and I have no money.

ger for toll money, and in the middle of

the bridge I get one of my spells. I

Peath.
"I saw the hunch right away, and it

looked good to me. Death was an old dog who had won many a good race but had broken down and was out for his

first start in a year. Pathos and Im-mortelle were fair platers owned by Jim

the house price blackboard after telling me that he would see me at 5 o'clock.

"Well, I looked up the three horses and none of them appeared to stick out in their races. Death looked like a joke. He was in a field of good horses in an overnight handicap. Some of the nags could run a mile in around 1.22 and second run a mile in around 1.23 and second run around 1.23 and second run a mile in around 1.23 and second run around 1.23 and second run a mile in around 1.23 and second run around 1.23 and se

"I start over here from Cincinnati

'It's this way,' said he. 'I'm all in.

three doctors tell me this morning

told me his hunch.

his eyes were glazed. He did not seem to be able to see the board. "'Post at St. Louis,' chattered Berry, the 'Colonel,' he whispered, 'Three doctors say I have only a month to live. I want

funeral expenses. Help me out."
"Sure, I replied, as I put my hand in my pocket. 'How much?'
"Not that way,' said the doctor.

operator.
"The doctor had his ticket in one hand The doctor had his ticket in one hand and was folding and unfolding it with thumb and fingers.

"They're off at St. Louis, chanted Berry, and the doctor took his hat off "Death never got a call. The order of the field was recited from post to post and into the stretch. desire a loan until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

I will have all that I need then. Let me take ten dollars and I will tell you my hunch. It can't lose. I never had a hunch before and I kncz this one can't lose.

"I slipped him a ten spot and walked with him to the bar at the end of the long with him to the bar at the end of the long."

I will have all that I need then. Let me and into the stretch.

"And the winner—— said Berry usual eloquent silence. The doctor was glaring at the board as though he saw the horses in action.

"Death is first,' said Berry, and a murrof astonishment passed through the

"I walked over to where the doctor sat and started to congratulate him. He was so weak that he could just mumble I helped him cash his ticket and he was a hero for a moment. He handed me back

my ten spot.

"It was the undertaker's hunch,"
murmured the doctor. 'Now I know I get
a warm bed in a nice cemetery.'

"And he did. He died three days later
and had a nice funeral and a nice headstone. That is, I believe he would have
thought them nice. He was happy when
he died. and the doctors has my last nickel. I have to walk the bridge. I touch a stran-

"Give us another drink," said the Colonel, as he cleared his throat.

A THING AMERICANS DO WELL. Briton Says Parliament Might Learn Something From Congress.

cough for half an hour before I can move.

"Now while I'm coughing the hunch
comes. Just thirteen hearses passed me
on that bridge. Thirteen hearses, and
I've got to die in a month. Now can you
see my hunch?"

"I had to confess that I could not see week is devoted to the swearing in of members when a new Parliament as sembles at Wostminster, according to a writer in the Strand. "After Ministers. leading members of the Opposition and other Privy Councillors have more or less comfortably taken the oath and signed the Roll of Parliament," says he, "there s an ugly rush of members from both sides to clutch stray copies of the Holy Bible laid on the tables brought in and set on the floor below the Mace.

'At each table the clerk and the assistant clerk administer the oath. As many members as can shoulder their way in and grab their share of a Bible, hear the oath recited, kiss the Book and make another dash for a place in the queue formed on the way to the Roll of Parliament lying open on the table. Having signed it, they, following the clerk to the He was in a field of good horses in an overnight handicap. Some of the nags could run a mile in around 1:39 and a fraction and I passed up old Death as an impossibility. Pathos was in a six furlong event with some selling platers and Immortelle was in about the same fix. I decided to pass the three up as a bad lot and to play nags which I believed had a chance. Chair, are personally introduced to the Speaker, shake his hand and disappear "They manage this thing better at Wash

ington. I was present at the opening of Congress summoned under the first duly elected Presidency of Mr. Roosevelt and watched with interest the process of swearing in. As is the case at West-minster, the Speaker (Uncle Jce) first took the oath.

"That was the sole point of resemblance between the two performances. Uncle

had a chance.

"The house betting held Pathos out at 2 to 1. This seemed a joke, and I was surprised when I saw Dr. Splash walk slowly over and shove his \$10 note into "That was the sole point of resemblance between the two performances. Uncle Joe resuming his seat, the clerk called upon members representing a particular State to advance to the space fronting the platform on which the uncanopied chair of the unwigged, not gowned Speaker of Congress sits. Forming up in lines representing the full muster of the State representation, the newly elected members heard the oath recited and each man, having brought with him a copy of the Bible, kissed it in seal of his oath of loyalty to the Constitution.

"State by State marched to the front, paraded, took the oath and dispersed to make room for the next on the rota. It was all over in half an hour."

Blornson and the Birds. From the Animal's Friend

animals. In a lecture delivered by him when abroad he said: "At home in Norway we do not murder any of our song birds Our children have for years banded them nests. But what we gain by this for our fields, gardens and woods is as nothing in fields, gardens and woods is as nothing in comparison with what we gain for the education of our children in weaning them from cruelty and making them the protectors of the little birds. It teaches them to control their feelings and awakens enthusiasm for worthy causes. Their love of destruction we change to magnanimity. In Norway it is the school that teaches children their duty to song birds, and in the schools they form their societies for bird protection."

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had the mount.

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